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## O'CONNELL RE-OPENS CITY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

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**Taunton, MA...** – Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the re-opening of City Hall and other government buildings to the public beginning June 15, 2020.

"Throughout this public health crisis, our goal has been to keep the community safe and healthy. I am pleased that during this time we have been able to continue providing support and services and are now beginning the phased re-opening of our city," said O'Connell.

Phase 2 of the Baker administration's re-opening plan allows for office buildings to open with restrictions and limited capacity. Precautions to protect the public include use of the main entrance only, requiring mask/face coverings, social distancing, and a brief sign-in process that includes health questions required by the state. Appointments are being encouraged before visiting by calling 508.821.1000. Online payments or payment by check are also encouraged.

"I'm proud of the work our dedicated city employees have done to get us to this point. Our community has been patient, understanding, and supportive," O'Connell stated.

O'Connell has also worked with community partners to form three funds to support individuals and local businesses impacted by COVID-19. Information on how to apply for assistance can be found on the City of Taunton website.

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